

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable C.W. "Bill" Young Chairman House Committee on Appropriations H-218 Capitol

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen Chairman Subcommittee on the District of Columbia House Committee on Appropriations H-147 Capitol

Dear Chairman Young and Chairman Frelinghuysen,

Thank you for your past efforts to ensure funding for the District of Columbia school choice program. We appreciate all that you have done to give the children of the District access to a safe, quality education.

We also appreciate the inclusion of another \$14 million for the D.C. choice program in the fiscal year 2005 District of Columbia Appropriations bill that was considered by the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia on July 7. As you may know, the Washington Scholarship Fund has worked diligently over the past several months, with limited time before the beginning of the school year, to implement the D.C. choice program. As a result, approximately 1,200 students will be awarded scholarships for the 2004-05 school year. We are confident that the second year of the program will be even more successful as more parents become aware of its existence.

Once again, thank you for your support of the D.C. choice program.

Sincerely,

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